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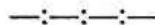
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One Hundred Years
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Souvenir History
of the
Grace Methodist Church
of
Momence, Kankakee County, Illinois

Greetings

To the members and friends, both young and old, of the Grace Methodist Church of Momence, Illinois—to whom the committee is pleased to offer this historical booklet, being assured that they will enjoy its perusal and will desire to possess it as a permanent record of One Hundred Years. The committee further wishes to offer an apology for the omission of any material, dates or names because of insufficient space or unintentional oversight.



Dedication

We owe much to the founders and ministers of Grace Methodist Church. We owe as much and perhaps more to the faithful men and women by whose devotion, exertion and sacrifice our church has been maintained to this day. To all of these we make this dedication that their memory may not pass but may be cherished by us who follow in their trail.





J. RALPH MAGEE

One hundred years is a long time in anybody's life, or the life of an institution. This is nearly one-fourth of the time since the first translation of the Bible into English. It is nearly one-third of the time since the landing of the Mayflower.

In such a period the Church has influenced the lives of thousands of people. It is this long procession of boys, girls and adults whose lives have been affected, and even changed, that is the unwritten history of the Church. It is, however, the real evidence of the Christian vitality of the institution.

The best celebration of so important an event is for the present generation of members to bind themselves with sacred vows that the achievements of the past shall not be the brightest pages of the Church's history, but that now 'is to be the most vital period of the Church's life.

BISHOP J. RALPH MAGEE

One hundred years of service in a community is a record worthy of note. What a wealth of memories it brings. Men and women, youth and children have been touched by the Spirit of Christ as it has been revealed in the personalities of teachers, officers, and members of this church led by the devoted ministers who have served. Contributions have been made toward the Kingdom unknown perhaps to mortal men. For one hundred years this service has been carried on by faithful followers of Christ. What a heritage!

Now we stand in that great Succession of those who have gone before, facing the opportunity of doing even greater things. In a world of chaos, confused people are looking for stability; they do not want reasons so much as insights. They do not want questions, they want some one with answers. They want those who know the Lord to tell what they know. We are the Ambassadors of God. We are called for such a time as this. Let us pray the Father so that we may not fail our time, our church, or our Christ.

ARTHUR P. JORDAN, Dist. Supt.



ARTHUR P. JORDAN



FRED W. PAYNE, Pastor

It is a real privilege to be serving the Grace Methodist Church, here in Momence, at this Centennial time. I do it with a mingled feeling of pride and humility. Other ministers, for a hundred years, have lived and labored in this place, and for me to share in the rejoicing over past success and the enthusiasm for what lies ahead is indeed a blessing.

As we move into the next century, it is well for us to remember that genuine success in promoting the Kingdom of God, past, present, and future, is deeply wrapped up in—

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The Genius of Methodism:

This genius is four-fold, and is composed of:

A HEART, strangely warmed.

"The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Romans 8:16.

A VISION that sees the world as our parish.

"The field is the world." Matthew 13:38.

A METHOD that works.

Jesus said "I am the Way," and Methodists have had a conviction that "the Way" implies a method for worship, both private and public; a method for study; a method for evangelism, for giving, and for service.

A WILL to do.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only . . ." James 1:22.

Real Methodists are good stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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History of Our Church

In September 1838, Rev. John Clark was appointed to the Chicago District and Rev. Jesse Halsted to Crete Mission. It was the special work of Presiding Elders and the pastors of those days to investigate new settlements and organize new societies. Upon such a mission Rev. John Clark, Presiding Elder, came to Yellowhead Grove, December 1, 1838. Here he was met by eight persons who were organized into a class at the home of William Nichols. This class consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Morrison, William N. Hathaway, Matilda Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Bluford Dulin, Mrs. Johnson, and Miss Johnson.

Archibald Morrison was appointed class leader and according to some of the early settlers would often preach barefooted. It was the faith and fervor of these pioneer class leaders and lay preachers that caused Methodism to make such rapid growth.

The first church built in Yellowhead Township was on the farm of Archibald Morrison in 1845 with Russell Seager, Archibald Morrison, and J. P. Stratton as trustees.

This society became part of the Crete Mission but the records of the early pioneer ministers are not available.

Archibald Morrison

Archibald Morrison born in New York State was one of the pioneer local preachers of this section who did more toward its settlement and improvement than any of the pioneers. He was married to Elizabeth Morrison in 1826. He was a man of sterling qualities known far and wide for his firmness of character and liberality, especially among the early settlers. He died October 1, 1860, survived by three of his eight children.



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Russell Seager

Russell Seager was born in New York and came to Kankakee County in 1838, locating in Yellowhead Township. In 1848 he married Marilla Hathaway, a daughter of Paul Hathaway. They had no children of their own but adopted and educated four children. At the age of



15 his father died and two years later he came west and in 1842 his widowed mother and family joined him. He was known far and wide for his great hospitality and kindness to the poor, an excellent citizen, and a faithful soldier of the Cross. He became very prominent and influential in the church liberally assisting in erecting churches in several parts of the county.

Rock River Conference

The Rock River Conference was organized in 1840, the name of Crete Mission was discontinued and Yellowhead comes to the forefront as a part of the Wilmington Circuit in the Ottawa District, with Rev. John Sinclair as Presiding Elder and Rev. Rufus Lumery, Circuit Preacher. Wilmington Circuit extended from Joliet to Wilmington, up the river to Momence, thence to Beebe's Grove. Thorn Grove, Crete, Frankfort, and back to Joliet, over 100 miles in extent.

At this time Elder Burr, whose influence was far reaching in this vicinity, was the circuit rider. Religious services were held in the school house every two or four weeks except when coon hunting was good at which time the men, for the most part, were absent.

Revival of 1843

About the year 1843 (exact time not available) a protracted meeting for several weeks was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Morrison and a number were converted and joined the church among whom was Russell Seager.

Momence Charge

Early in 1844 the Momence Charge came into existence in what was called the Beebe Grove Circuit on the Joliet District of the Rock River Conference. Rev. J. Leckenby was the first preacher assigned to this charge, with Russell Seager as Recording Steward and Archibald Morrison, Local Preacher. The name of the circuit was changed from time to time to Yellowhead Mission or Kankakee Mission. In 1852 when Rev. G. W. Murphy was preacher in charge, the name was changed to the Momence Circuit.

First Quarterly Conference

When the Joliet Circuit was divided in 1844 the Yellowhead Circuit was placed in the Beebe Grove Circuit. The first quarterly conference was held at the home of Archibald Morrison and the following were present: Rev. L. R. Goodrich, Presiding Elder, Rev. Jas. Leckenby, Preacher in charge; Archibald Morrison, Local Preacher, and J. W. Bowen, Exhorter. Also four class

leaders, Geo. Gridley, Elijah Andrews, H. H. Ayers and C. Wells. Russell Seager was elected secretary and the following were elected stewards for the circuit: Russell Seager, W. Legg, Eber Gleason, Silas Vandecar, Henry Mulliken, A. Morrison and A. Hess. Elijah Andrews was elected class leader for Yellowhead at this time.

It is interesting to note the allowances that were made for the support of the ministry. The disciplinary amount allowed for a minister with a wife and one child was, salary \$216.00, table expense, \$75.00, traveling expenses \$3.50, total for the year \$294.50. For the Presiding Elder (now known as District Superintendent) salary \$22.34, table expense \$16.00, traveling expenses \$3.31, total \$41.65. At this quarterly conference the total receipts were \$15.10 and the total receipts for the year were only \$114.62 and on a pro rata basis, the Presiding Elder would receive \$14.32 and the Preacher in charge \$100.30. When consideration is given to the fact that this country was sparsely settled, unpaved roads or no roads at all, far removed from markets, and scarcely any money in circulation, the people naturally would be poor and this contribution of \$100.30 represented self-denial of the highest order.

Parsonage Located at Momence

In 1845 the name of Beebe was dropped and Yellowhead substituted and Wilmington and Yellowhead Circuits united for quarterly conference purposes only. Each had its own pastor and attended to its own finances. The only object seemed to be to relieve the Presiding Elder from holding two conferences and thereby lessen the claims of the Presiding Elder upon the charges.

The name was changed in 1847 to Kankakee Mission with Rev. John Chandler, Presiding Elder and Rev. David Lewis, preacher. At the second quarterly conference a parsonage committee was appointed to secure a parsonage located in Momence and at the fourth quarterly conference a Board of Parsonage Trustees was appointed consisting of: J. Fender, W. L. Legg, A. Morrison, Caleb Wells, H. H. Syers, J. Legg, and J. Campbell. The parsonage was built in 1849 on the ground west of the home of Mrs. Bertha Durham, corner of Second and Locust Streets.

This parsonage was 16 feet by 24 feet built by Chauncey and Albert Chipman assisted by Elder Burr. This first parsonage was used until the building of the Old Stone Church when the church trustees made an exchange for the lot used for the present site of the parsonage. The first building was then

moved to this lot and later was moved to the lot adjoining on the north. The present structure was erected in the year 1900 when Rev. R. B. Seaman was pastor.

Momence—A Preaching Charge

Yellowhead Mission was the name of the circuit in 1847 with Rev. Hooper Crews, Presiding Elder, and 1848 found the name changed to Kankakee Mission. Momence first appears as a preaching place in 1848 but must have been very weak for during that whole year the records show only \$4.50 was raised for expenses.

Elder Burr

In the early history of this church perhaps no minister wielded a more lasting influence than did this minister of God. Coming in 1849 and serving two years, he took a superannuated relation on account of throat trouble, and remained in Momence more than 20 years. However, he was again preacher in charge in 1859. Prosperity was on the increase during the time of the sojourn of the elder in this city when Momence had a population of approximately 200 people and five or six stores, a typical frontier town.

The Elder was shrewd, kind, and friendly with progressive ideas. The first buggy that ever came to town was brought here by Rev. Burr and added much prestige to this circuit rider.

Besides acting in the capacity of a minister when superannuated he worked at his trade of a cabinet maker, maintaining a work shop in the Berg Building on River Street. Some of his handiwork in the shape of furniture is still extant in this community while other pieces went out in the shape of coffins of which he made not a few.

After his death, his wife, Almira, moved to the State of Washington. He was much loved and honored by this community.



T. C. Young



J. F. Robison

Old Stone Church and Present Structure

The first Methodist Church building in Momence was known as the "Old

Stone Church" erected in 1863 at the cost of \$3,141.00. Rev. T. C. Young was pastor in charge. This edifice served as a place of worship for nearly three decades when it was superseded (1892) by the one now used. Rev. J. F. Robinson was pastor during the building of the main structure which cost \$8,000.00 complete excepting the pipe organ.

Laying of the Corner Stone, 1892

A record of the laying of the corner stone fortunately is available and states that the corner stone was laid in June 1892 on a Thursday at 10:00 o'clock and a special service was held in the Baptist Church. Rev. T. W. McVety, pastor of Grace Methodist Church of Kankakee, preached the sermon, text taken from Songs of Solomon 6:10 "Fair as the Moon," and his address was well received. The ritual services for the laying of the corner stone was participated in by Rev. McVety, Rev. Robinson, Rev. Duncan, and Rev. Moore. The church was built under the direction and superintendence of L. W. Calkins who united with the church in 1869 and served in various offices and especially as Superintendent of the Sunday School until his death.

Transportation

At this point it would not come amiss to recite some of the difficulties encountered in traveling the circuit. Horse back riding was the principal means of getting from one appointment to another, but often the roads were so bad that even a horse could not get through and walking was the only means available. For instance, on November 15, 1877, Rev. Roads was compelled to walk on the railroad tracks to Grant Park and return as he could go no other way. The previous Thursday he was called upon to go to the C. C. Ainsworth's residence to conduct that worthy man's funeral service. It was one of the worst rainy days noted in this section and the road there "the worst in the universe." The editor of the Mومence Reporter responsible for the recording of the above incidents further states that in 1880 in connection with Rev. Roads walking between here and Grant Park and back, a distance of 12 miles, to preach at that place that "it about tired him out" and that the minister stated "he has walked over 300 miles between the two villages since stationed here."

Through heat and cold, rain, snow or sleet, mud and slush, these circuit riders braved the elements and diseases of an undrained country to carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of their world and today we build on the foundations they laid.

Progress of the Church

With few exceptions the progress of this church has been forward. From a small band of earnest people who believed thoroughly in God and His Son Jesus Christ, meeting in school houses, private homes and in halls, the church has outgrown one structure and is now much crowded in her present one, making it necessary to make plans for one more commodious structure. From a circuit of three or more appointments, the last of which were Exline and Aroma Park, this church has now become one of the better appointments of the Illinois Conference.

Economic Conditions

The economic condition of the country is quickly reflected in the financial affairs of the churches and in this we were no exception. Through the period of the Civil War, the migration from the east and settlement of this region, the clearing and drainage of the land, the poverty of the vast majority of the settlers prevented the flow of money to the churches. However, the circuit riders held true to their calling. The preachers were alert to the needs of the times. The church membership supported the preaching which was directed against all types of sin.

Revivals

The urge for the saving of souls was great and therefore great revivals were held. The records show that in the conference year of 1903-04, there were 120 conversions during a four weeks revival, and the next year 110. Also incomplete records show that Rev. J. E. Mercer conducted 9 week meetings at Exline and Waldron (Aroma Park) and 150 conversions were reported. The sin of intemperance has received the attention of the church to such extent that Methodist ministers were not permitted to use any intoxicating liquors. In this church were laymen, one of which was N. Beebe who thundered against this great evil. Under the pastorate of Rev. Roads in April 1878 the fruition of a great temperance reform came about wherein 450 signed the pledge in 4 days and in 10 days the number of pledges signed exceeded 900.

Salaries of Preachers

Reverting back to the question of salaries, that of the Rev. J. E. Mercer was \$800 per annum, proportioned \$425 for Mومence, \$175 for Exline and \$200 for Waldron (now Aroma Park) and by 1920 the salary was nearly tripled. Likewise benevolences grew in volume, especially during the year of the Centenary of 1920.

The most prosperous time for the Sunday School of which there is any record was about the decade of 1898-1908, during which the enrollment reached 360 officers and scholars with an average attendance of 193.

Women's Work

There has been and still is in every Methodist church a group that plays a very vital part in its economy and that is the women's societies. They have made a large contribution to the church. They have added to the welfare of the church as a spiritual force, contributed to the finances substantially, enhanced the beauty of the edifice and have been faithful in the ministry of the church.

Resume 1900-1944

Due to the paucity of official documents, the committee regrets that the following record of achievements is necessarily meager.

R. B. SEAMAN 1900-02—During his regime the present parsonage was built and the church was carpeted.

T. S. PITTINGER 1903-06—The west room of the church was built. While the addition and various changes were being made, services were held in a tent secured by the pastor. Large additions were made to the church membership. Sunday School hour was changed from 11:40 A. M. to 9:40 A. M. and the school enrollment reached 360 with an average attendance of 193.

G. C. SHAFFER 1907-08—Organized a 12 piece orchestra which added very materially to the music of the church. The Working Circle paid for the installation of electric lights in the parsonage and adopted a plan of systematic calling on strangers and also greeting them at the services.

J. E. CONNER 1909-11—During his ministry the Epworth League was flourishing. Young people were attracted by Rev. Connor's jovial personality and many became members of this organization.

E. E. SHAWL 1912-13—He was perhaps one of the most social pastors of which we have any record. The parsonage was the center of extensive and novel entertainment.

G. M. BOSWELL 1914-15—In the fall of 1914 church trustees D. E. Styles and A. J. Busch signed a contract to install the pews now in use in replacing the opera chairs at a cost of \$572.50. At that time the interior of the church was redecorated.

D. F. WILSON 1916-20—Up to his pastorate only one minister had remained in this charge as long as Rev. Wilson, that being Rev. J. F. Robinson 1888-92

and only two have equaled his ministry here, viz: Rev. Truitt, 1921-25 and Rev. W. W. Wohlfarth, 1939-43.

Rev. Wilson labored with great zeal for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in this community and devoted himself faithfully and conscientiously to its interests. During this period the "Flu" epidemic raged through this community and at one time he had five funerals in one day.

The present method of church envelope collection was reestablished and the Ladies' Auxiliary was organized. The number of members in the church at the close of the conference year 1918 was 306.

O. I. TRUITT 1921-25—Rev. Truitt was a returned missionary and this was his first charge upon his return. He interested himself in reducing the church debt. The average attendance of the Sunday School for the year 1922 was 200 and in this year \$1,295.00 was paid for benevolences other than the conference claims. The parsonage was painted at the expense of the Ladies' Aid who also let contracts for extensive improvements inside the church including the present choir loft which was built by Mr. Stearman.

On Oct. 24, 1923 an Organ Committee was appointed consisting of I. E. Hardy, Sr., Elmer Stearman, R. B. Hardy, Nellie Shrontz, Mabel Sergeant and Lena Fouser. The contract was let March 6, 1925, at a cost of \$3,250.00.

It is regrettable that Rev. and Mrs. Truitt lost their lives in an automobile accident shortly after leaving Momence.

E. F. ROE 1926-29—Among the many ministers that have been sent here, none was more interested in young people than Rev. Roe. He was one well read and a deep thinker.

CHARLES E. SMITH 1930-32—During this period the Summer Vacation Bible School was inaugurated and has continued each season with gratifying success. Rev. Smith is now located at Princeton, Illinois.

L. F. ZINZER 1933-35—He was a pastor much beloved. Under his pastorate a new kneeling rail was installed by Mr. Murry Butterfield father of Mrs. O. R. Gray. The basement was excavated under the supervision of the Brotherhood. Rev. Zinzer is now retired and living in El Paso, Illinois.

VICTOR ROBERTS 1936-39—During the first quarter of the 1936 Conference Year this church went on the Conference Honor Roll and has remained there up to the present time. The pulpit Bible after long years of service became worn and was replaced by a new one, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woore; the new Methodist Hymnal was

placed in the pews as memorial gifts from the members, and a new furnace was installed.

During the ministry of Rev. Roberts the church indebtedness was materially reduced, the church membership increased and the average attendance more than doubled.

In the death of Mr. James Blair the church lost one of her faithful and devoted members.

W. W. WOHLFARTH 1939-43—One of the highlights of this pastorate was the Capelli meetings whereby the spiritual life of the church was quickened. Another was the burning of the mortgage on the church property, thereby freeing the church from all debt. This was consummated on May 11, 1943. A Christian flag in memory of Mrs. Margaret Hinkle was presented by her daughter, Mrs. Pearle Hinkle Knorr. A service flag was also presented by the Brotherhood in honor of the boys and girls of our church who were serving in World War II. Other items of accomplishments were: redecorating the church, refinishing the floors, renewing the linoleum in the vestibule, repainting all the chairs in the church, building new tables for the dining rooms, completing and decorating the basement. Also plans were started for the celebration of the centenary.

FRED W. PAYNE 1944-(?)—The centennial celebration has required much time in planning, securing outside talent and meeting with committees and in all of these Rev. Payne has been found most helpful.

Shortly before this was written, one of our official members was called suddenly to his reward and in the passing of Harold N. Hungerford we have lost a most helpful and conscientious worker and Christian gentleman.

Conclusion

If a conclusion can be written to an incomplete task and from incomplete records, we can assert that we have been left a great heritage by the faith and devotion, self-sacrifice and self-denial of our founding fathers which should be an inspiration to everyone and especially to the members of the Grace Methodist Church of Momence.

LIST OF PASTORS

Following is the list of the ministers and the dates of their appointments:

	Conference Years
James Leckenby	1844
Justus Hinman	1845
L. A. Chapin	1846
David Lewis	1847
C. Lazenby	1848
S. P. Burr	1849-1850
G. C. Holmes	1851
G. W. Murphy	1852
A. D. Fields	1853
A. Wiley	1854
William P. Irving	1855-1856
James Coleman	1857
George Wallace	1858
S. P. Burr	1859
M. H. Plumb	1860
S. Washburn	1861
T. C. Young	1862-1863
E. Smith	1864
M. C. Smith	1865-1866
G. W. Hawks	1867-1868
J. Burch	1869
T. L. Helliwell	1870
G. S. Young	1871
Samuel Earngey	1872-1873
William Clark	1874-1877
John Roads	1878-1879
George K. Hoover	1880-1881
George B. Millar	} 1882-1884
T. H. Hazeltine	
J. E. Mercer	1885-1887
J. F. Robinson	1888-1892
John Wilkinson	1893-1896
D. S. McCown	1897-1899
R. B. Seaman	1900-1902
T. S. Pittinger	1903-1906
G. C. Shaffer	1907-1908
J. E. Conner	1909-1911
E. E. Shawl	1912-1913
G. M. Boswell	1914-1915
D. F. Wilson	1916-1920
O. I. Truitt	1921-1925
E. F. Roe	1926-1929
Charles Smith	1930-1932
L. F. Zinser	1933-1935
Victor Roberts	1936-1938
W. W. Wohlfarth	1939-1943
Fred W. Payne	1944-

HISTORY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Rev. Fred W. Payne, Pastor. Wesley Schilling, General Superintendent.
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 Adult Department—Harry L. Heninger, Superintendent.
 Teachers—I. E. Hardy, Sr., Mrs. Frank Gamble, Harold N. Hungerford.
 Youth Department—Mrs. Lester DuMontelle, Superintendent.
 Teachers—Miss Lyle Brown, Mrs. Everett Brouillette, Frank Bishir, Harvey Coy.
 Junior Department—Mrs. H. N. Hungerford, Superintendent.
 Teachers—Mrs. Z. R. Holley, Mrs. DuWana McKennan.
 Primary Beginners' Department—Mrs. E. L. Burns, Superintendent.
 Teachers—Mrs. A. High, Mrs. M. Klassen, Mrs. C. Woore.
 Nursery Department—Miss Belle Rice.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of the oldest and largest organizations of our Church throughout the years has been the Sunday School. While the records of the early years of this group are not available some data for the last fifty years has been found. It is evident that when the Church was new the Sunday School was small. However, a good Sunday School is one of the leading factors in having a strong Church.

During the year 1897 the average attendance at Sunday School was about 100 to 110. At present the Sunday School attendance is between 140 and 200. The old records show that during the month of February 1897 one week the Sunday School report was as follows: Teachers and Officers 13, Scholars 81, Visitors 3, Total 97 with a collection of \$1.14. Mr. I. E. Hardy's class had the largest collection with 27 cents.

Mr. I. E. Hardy has been a teacher in our Sunday School for fifty-one years. During the last forty-five years he has taught the I. E. H. Class.

The Men's Class and other classes of our Sunday School have had different teachers throughout the years. Miss Lyle Brown has been teacher of the High School Girls' Class for about nineteen years, and her influence on these young people is immeasurable.

During the time Mr. Dave Styles taught the boys class he was hurt in a runaway. While he was confined to his home for several months the boys went there for the Sunday School devotionals and lessons.

The Church School started as one department. However, as time went on they were divided into five different departments. It was not until 1940 that the Young People and Adults re-organized and each had its own department with opening exercises. There have been two Superintendents of the Adult Department, F. Tilton and Harry L. Heninger.

In the early part of 1900 there was a change in religious services. The Sunday School classes which had always been last were changed to the first and the Church services as we know them today were changed to the last.

The last class to be organized in the Adult department is the Wesleyan's. This class was started about 1932 with I. F. Hertz as teacher. Since the death of Mr. Hertz they have had as their teachers Irving Munson and Mrs. Frank Gamble, a teacher of outstanding qualities.

The list of Sunday School Superintendents from 1890 to date is as follows: Dr. Fouser, E. Hicks, Howard Drayer, I. E. Hardy, L. H. Carse, H. H. Hicks, Rev. T. S. Pittinger, Eben B. Gower, Charles Hack, David Styles, Thomas Payne, Will Ward, I. F. Hertz, Howard Wheeler, Garrett DeYoung, Harold N. Hungerford and Wesley W. Schilling.

Youth Fellowship

Did you go to Epworth League "Way Back When?" Well, times have changed: Today we attend Youth Fellowship meetings. This group was organized in 1941 under the supervision of Mr. Earl Clark. Earl resigned in favor of Mr. Frank Tilton in September 1942. The leadership changed again in June 1943, when Mrs. Helen DuMontelle, the present leader, took charge.

The Youth Fellowship group have meetings at the close of the Sunday evening services during the winter months, but most important, they are the "Youth Department" in our Sunday School. We have four teachers: Mrs. Olive Brouillette, seventh grade; Mr. Harvey Coy, eighth grade; Mr. Frank Bisher, high school boys; and Miss Lyle Brown, high school girls. About 80 young people are receiving splendid training in Christian living under the capable leadership of these faithful teachers.

Primary - Beginner

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT—During the past few years the Children's Department of the Sunday School has been divided into three groups—a nursery department, primary department, and junior department. Previous to this division the children worshipped together under the able leadership of three very fine women, Mrs. Carse, Mrs. Thomas Payne, and Mrs. Samuel W. Calkins. Mrs. Calkins organized the Cradle Roll upon which was placed the name of every Methodist baby born in the vicinity of Momenca. She remembered each child with a greeting card until the child attained the age of three, and each year she gave a party for the entire Cradle Roll and their mothers. Mrs. Calkins, who passed away two years ago, was succeeded by Mrs. H. N. Hungerford. The influence of these women will long be felt on the lives of our boys and girls.

At present Mrs. Hungerford is Superintendent of the Junior Department with Mrs. Z. R. Holley and Mrs. August Henerberg as teachers and Miss Marjorie Moody as secretary.

There are fifty-one children enrolled in the Primary Department with Mrs. Arthur High, Mrs. Lester Burns, Mrs. Charles Woore, and Mrs. Martin Klassen as teachers.

A Bible verse card system is used in the Primary Department. Each child is given a small card every Sunday. Ten small cards are exchanged for a large one and twelve large cards merit a Bible. It is surprising how many of these little folks have earned their Bibles.

The school has made great development during the past years and plans are being made so that even better work can be done in the future.

The Nursery Class

In 1936 the Beginners' Class under the supervision of Mrs. Edna Bateman and Mrs. Joseph High became overcrowded and those considered rather young for the class were formed into a nursery group with Mrs. Bateman caring for them.

The class met in the alcove in the basement. It was equipped with a low round table, red chairs, a sand box, cupboard, toy dishes and a few toys.

In 1937 Miss Bess Rice became the teacher and has had charge of the class up to the present time. Today twenty little tots ranging in age from 1½ years to 4 years occupy the room back of the balcony. The average attendance is twelve. Equipment has been added and the little folks certainly enjoy being together. The object of having a Nursery Class is to get small children used to playing with other children; to form the habit of going to church, to learn obedience and courtesy.

I. E. H. Class

A history of the I. E. H. Class could not well be written without a brief mention of its early growth. The first teacher was Mrs. I. E. Hardy who not only made the Sunday School hour interesting but planned many social events for the teen-age girls. After the birth of her first two children she turned the class over to her husband since which time he has continuously and effectively taught it.

For some time, when the class had reached a membership of 15 to 20, Mr. Hardy organized it into a junior choir which sang for Sunday evening services. This choir served the church for about 3 or 4 years, probably between 1899 and 1902 or 1903.

In May 1913, the class became an organized class, with 28 charter members including the teacher, Mr. Hardy. Of these charter members, Magdalene Campbell, Arta Bennett and Belle Rice are still members.

For about 10 years after organizing, the class grew not only in numbers but spiritually as well. Besides the Sunday lesson the class had a study group which met at the homes of the various members and studied religious books.

The social life in this class has been one that has meant much to the church and community. For years, monthly parties were given and always an extra good one at Christmas time and another in March, honoring Mr. Hardy's birthday.

Mr. Hardy is an outstanding Bible student and a man of deep convictions. His Christian life, for 51 years, is exemplified by his work in the church and community, and his influence for Christian living is paralleled by very few.



I. E. HARDY, Sr.

1844

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1944

Grace Methodist Church

August



Church and Sunday School

August 20, 1944



Woman's Society for Christian Service



1st Row (left to right) bottom—Mrs. J. Holycross, Mrs. F. Gardner, Minnie Bales, Mrs. A. Taylor, Mrs. M. Fortin, Belle Rice, Mrs. E. Richardson, Mrs. J. Bartholomew, Mrs. H. Heninger, Mrs. William Heninger, Mrs. L. McKennan, Mrs. C. Wardell, Lyle Brown, Mrs. O. L. Deardurff, Mary Farr, Mrs. G. Farr, Ruth Farr.

2nd Row—Mrs. P. Therien, Mrs. L. Goodknecht, Mrs. P. Brouillette, Mrs. C. Mitchell, Mrs. B. Tremore, Artie Bennett, Mrs. K. Jensen, Mrs. E. Wooldridge, Mrs. E. Clark, Mrs. F. Brouillette, Magdalene Campbell, Mrs. E. Bateman, Mrs. H. Ward, Mrs. L. B. Koenig, Mrs. E. Bourk, Marjorie Moody.

3rd Row—Mrs. M. Harlan, Mrs. F. Tilton, Mrs. W. Robinson, Mrs. H. Kinney, Mrs. A. Lattz, Mrs. D. F. Wilson, Mrs. J. Rogers, Freida Wilson, Mrs. N. Berglund, Mrs. W. Schilling, Mrs. H. Ross, Mrs. F. Hansen, Mrs. W. King, Mrs. E. L. Burns, Mrs. A. High, Irma Gordinier.

4th Row—Mrs. F. Borggren, Mrs. C. Greenawalt, Mrs. A. Kallander, Mrs. H. Coutts, Mrs. H. Madsen, Mrs. H. Coy, Mrs. M. Klassen, Mildred Rice, Florence Greenawalt, Mrs. F. Gamble, Mrs. L. DuMontelle, Mrs. F. Payne, Mrs. H. Anderson, Mrs. J. Illum, Mrs. C. Woore, Mrs. J. Jensen.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT—Mrs. F. Bishir, Mrs. C. Block, Mrs. E. Bourelle, Mrs. E. Brouillette, Mrs. F. Brandt, Mrs. R. Canaday, Mrs. F. Chamberlain, Mrs. H. Chandler, Mrs. L. Chappell, Mrs. N. Christjansen, Mrs. T. Clark, Mrs. S. Corriveau, Mrs. A. E. Draegert, Mrs. A. Essex, Mrs. L. Graves, Mrs. O. R. Gray, Irene Hardy, Mrs. P. Hardy, Mrs. R. Hardy, Mrs. E. Hayden, Mrs. A. Henerberg, Mrs. C. Hess, Mrs. Z. Holley, Mrs. Wm. Hupp, Mrs. H. Hungerford, Mrs. E. Inslee, Mrs. W. Jackson, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. H. Kinney, Mrs. W. Kessler, Nancy Kile, Blanche Langreder, Mrs. W. D. Linn, Mrs. O. Mathieu, Mrs. E. McKinstry, Mrs. E. Miller, Mrs. A. Moody, Mrs. M. Murphy, Mrs. E. Parks, Mrs. H. Peterson, Mrs. A. Poppe, Mrs. J. Purkey, Mrs. J. Reynolds, Bess Rice, Gussie Rice, Mrs. L. Richardson, Mrs. D. Shanholtz, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. E. Sorenson, Mrs. J. B. Stout, Mrs. J. Tallman, Mrs. W. Tisbury, Mrs. R. VanDiepen, Mrs. E. Vermes, Mrs. F. Westfall, Mrs. E. Willett, Mrs. W. Wohlfarth.

MISSION STUDY CLASS



1st Row (bottom) left to right—Mrs. D. F. Wilson, Mrs. H. Coutts, Mrs. Alice Kallander, Mrs. F. Tilton, Mrs. F. Gardner, Irma Gordinier.

2nd Row—Mrs. L. V. DuMontelle, Mrs. W. W. Schilling, Mrs. W. B. Heninger, Mrs. J. Holycross, Mrs. F. Payne.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS—Mrs. B. F. McKinstry, Mrs. Z. R. Holley, Mrs. Harry Ward.



MARTHA CIRCLE



1st Row (bottom) left to right—Mrs. E. L. Burns, Mrs. E. Clark, Mrs. W. Schilling, Mrs. H. L. Heninger, Miss Lyle Brown.

2nd Row—Miss Mary Farr, Mrs. H. B. Anderson, Miss Mildred Rice, Mrs. H. E. Ross, Mrs. E. Vermes.

3rd Row—Mrs. E. Brouillette, Mrs. J. Illum, Mrs. F. Payne, Mrs. F. Brouillette.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS—Mrs. L. P. Basford, Mrs. Frank Bishir, Mrs. N. Christjansen, Mrs. O. L. Deardurff, Miss Blanche Langreder, Mrs. Carl Mayo, Miss Marjorie Moody, Miss Lois Peterson, Mrs. John Reynolds, Mrs. Alice Dolder, Mrs. Lyeth Tabler, Miss Irene Hardy, Mrs. Phillip Hardy, Mrs. Wm. Hupp, Mrs. Charles Ruch, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. W. D. Linn.

ESTHER CIRCLE



1st Row (bottom) left to right—Magdalene Campbell, Mrs. L. McKennan, Mrs. C. Wardell, Mrs. E. Wooldridge, Mrs. P. Therien, Mrs. C. Mitchell, Mrs. C. Woore.

2nd Row—Mrs. H. Madsen, Florence Greenawalt, Mrs. K. Jensen, Irma Gordinier, Mrs. F. Payne.

3rd Row—Mrs. F. Borggren, Mrs. M. Klassen, Mrs. H. Coy, Mrs. N. Berglund.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS—Mrs. M. C. Astle, Mrs. E. J. Baker, Mrs. C. Baechler, Mrs. Fred Balthazor, Mrs. C. Block, Mrs. H. Chandler, Mrs. Ed. Chipman, Mrs. E. S. Corriveau, Mrs. A. E. Draegert, Mrs. John Dubois, Mrs. Truby Evans, Mrs. Olaf Faucher, Miss Etta Grimes, Mrs. A. Henerberg, Mrs. C. G. Hess, Mrs. H. N. Hungerford, Mrs. Jas. Jensen, Miss Nancy Kile, Mrs. Irene Killham, Mrs. Jake Klassen, Mrs. O. Mathieu, Mrs. R. Martens, Mrs. A. Moody, Mrs. M. C. Murphy, Mrs. H. Packard, Mrs. G. Park, Mrs. H. Peterson, Mrs. A. Poppe, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Stout, Mrs. J. Tallman, Mrs. J. Trudeau, Mrs. R. VanDeipen, Miss Freda Wilson, Mrs. G. Stetson, Mrs. E. Jackson, Mrs. Earl Call, Mrs. Leon Graves.



LADIES' AUXILIARY



1st Row (bottom) left to right—Mrs. W. H. Allen, Mrs. F. Gardner, Mrs. G. Farr, Mrs. H. Ward, Mrs. J. Holycross.

2nd Row—Mrs. D. F. Wilson, Mrs. Alice Kallander, Mrs. W. B. Heninger, Mrs. F. Tilton.

3rd Row—Belle Rice, Mrs. F. Payne, Mrs. H. Kinney, Mrs. H. Coutts.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS—Wilber King, Mrs. Ralph Hardy, Mrs. Fred Brandt, Mrs. Clay Greenawalt, Miss Bess Rice, Miss Tillie Rice, Mrs. H. N. Hungerford, Mrs. Frank Hedrick, Mrs. Fred Kinney, Mrs. E. Inslee, Mrs. E. Stearman, Mrs. O. R. Gray, Mrs. Westfall.

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RUTH CIRCLE



Top Row, left to right—Minnie Bales, Mrs. J. Holycross, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, Mrs. F. Payne.

Middle Row—Mrs. Joe Rogers, Mrs. Myrtle Fortin, Mrs. Beatrice Tremore, Mrs. Armand Lattz, Mrs. Alfred Taylor.

Bottom Row—Mrs. Julia Bartholomew, Miss Artie Bennett, Mrs. Rhoda Farr, Mrs. Louis Goodknecht, Mrs. Mary Brouillette.

BROTHERHOOD

With Christian fellowship as its aim, the Brotherhood was organized in 1933 by Rev. Zinser with a membership of ten. Elmer Stearman was the first president of the group.

During the past years the Brotherhood has sponsored many worthwhile endeavors such as the Mother and Daughters' Banquet and pancake suppers. They have always been helpful and generous in contributing their share to the many needs of the church.

Feeling the need for additional room for classes and the various activities of the church the men connected with this organization excavated underneath the main auditorium and the north room making a very large addition to the church. The walls were finished with glazed brick and within the last year they replaced the ceiling with masonite. They also remade the dining room tables and refinished all the chairs of the church.

At present the Brotherhood has an average attendance of twenty-five and during the winter months they engage in many social activities. The present officers are: Harvey Coy, President; H. N. Hungerford, Secretary; E. M. Stearman, Treasurer.

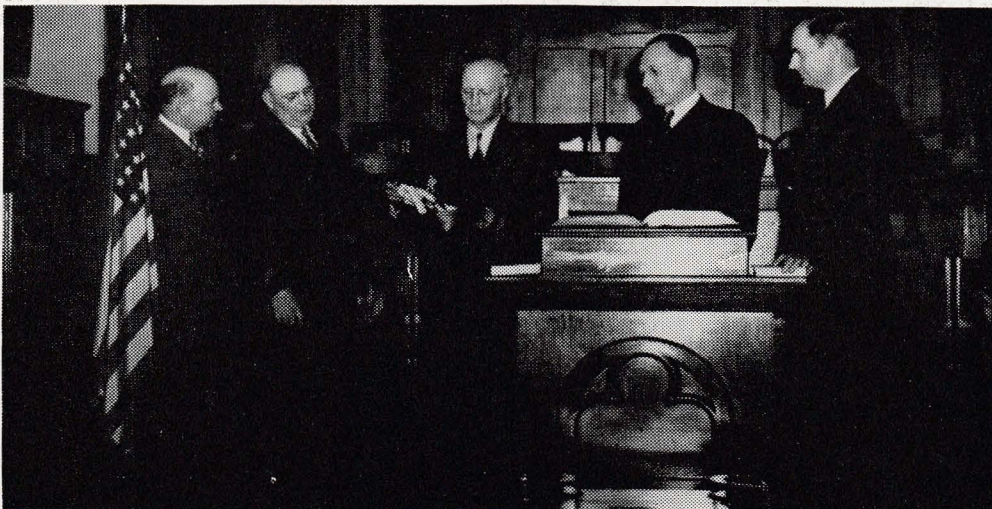


1st Row (left to right) bottom—Wesley Schilling, Harry Heninger, Lester DuMontelle, Harold Hungerford, Louis Goodknecht, Holgar Madsen, William Robinson, Frank Gardner.

2nd Row—Knute Jensen, Frank Tilton, Floyd Brouillette, John Illum, Earl Clark, Harvey Coy, Andrew Poppe, Elmer Stearman, Harry Ward, Carl Hack.

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BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE, 1943



Left to right—Arthur Jordan, Charles Woore, Frank Tilton, Raymon Canaday, Rev. William W. Wohlfarth.

W. S. C. S.

It was, no doubt, a determined and resolute little band of Methodist women who perhaps one hundred years ago organized a society for the women of the church. They helped unselfishly in many ways to build and maintain a religion in Momenca. We feel quite sure they were an intricate part of the early church which is now one hundred years old, a heritage of which we are justly proud. They were recognized by the General Conference in 1900. The W. S. C. S. was organized September 8, 1940 with 39 charter members and during the four years the membership has increased to 102.

This organization was provided for by the discipline of the Methodist Church at the uniting conference of Methodist Churches. The old societies were discontinued and new circles were formed.

The purpose of this society is to unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people and children in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a World Christian Community.

The aim is that by our prayers we will bind ourselves closer to Him in whose strength we live. Our service in the extension of God's Kingdom and our gifts to the support of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The W. S. C. S. has sponsored an interdenominational World Day of Prayer, have mailed the "Upper Room" to the girls and boys in service and have sent cookies for the service men at Chanute Field, have had several suppers and socials, have redecorated the parsonage, have canned vegetables to be used for church suppers, and have made the robes for the Junior Choir. Besides an active local welfare committee the society furnishes cash and supplies to a number of children's homes. Mrs. H. L. Heninger is President of W. S. C. S. preceded by Mrs. Z. R. Holley and Mrs. Charles Mitchell.

Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle, formerly known as the "Ladies' Aid," is the oldest unit in the church. Through the diligent labor of its members many burdens of the

past and present have been lightened. These ladies have keen and creative ideas in devising ways to increase their capital. They have held rug, apron, cooked food and rummage sales, served all kinds of church suppers, sewed carpet rags and quilted. The sums of money obtained from these activities have been used to further their pet project the upkeep of the parsonage.

The work accomplished by this group has been outstanding and through the years many fine women of the church have served as officers and have been instrumental in helping this group achieve their goal. Four years ago this group became affiliated with W. S. C. S. At that time they had twenty members with Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson as their leader who has served faithfully and well.

Auxiliary

This circle of church women was organized in 1917 their duties now being incorporated in the W. S. C. S. They hold two meetings a month. At the first meeting, following devotions, the ladies work either on quilting or tying comforters. The second meeting consists of devotions and a program with a social hour and a ten cent tea.

At present these ladies sponsor the sale of Ann Elizabeth Wade Products. In the past they have been noted for the excellent chicken suppers which they served. From these projects they have helped with the finances of the church. During all these years the Auxiliary has served faithfully and at the present time is still an important and active part of the W. S. C. S.

The officers are: Mrs. Frank Gardner, Chairman; Mrs. Harry Ward, Secretary.

Esther Circle

The Agenda Club was organized in April 1929 with 23 women as charter members. The purpose of the organization was to contribute to some of the essential needs of the church.

During the depression Christmas baskets and clothing were distributed to needy families. Permission of the Official Board was granted to the Circle to assume certain unpaid bills. Among the many accomplishments were the rewiring of the church, building a supply cupboard, installing a sink in the basement kitchen, and numerous other improvements.

For a number of years the Circle has sponsored bazaars, cooked food sales, and the sale of household paper goods.

In 1940, under the new discipline of the church, the Agenda Club became the Esther Circle of the W. S. C. S.

The present chairman is Freda Wilson.

Martha Circle

On August 31, 1923, several young ladies of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Mack Shrontz and were assisted by her in organizing the Two Busy Hours (T. B. H.) Club. Miss Marie Kinney was elected President. The purpose of this organization was to cooperate with one another in the interests of the church along with the pleasant social contacts derived from the meetings held twice monthly. The first meeting of the month is a work meeting. Following the order of business the different members have charge of devotions and instructive and entertaining programs are given. The second meeting is a social one.

During the twenty-one years the personnel has changed from time to time until there are now about one-half of the original members, yet the membership has steadily grown until we have approximately thirty members.

The circle has contributed materially to the support of the church in various ways, having had annual fancy work bazaars for a number of years, cooked food sales, plays, and of later years have established a good clientele for vanilla extract. We also cooperate in giving church suppers and other functions of the W. S. C. S.

In 1940, conforming to the discipline of the church we became a part of the W. S. C. S. and changed the name of our organization to the Martha Circle, of which Mrs. Earl Clark is now the chairman.

Mission Study Class

In 1941 at a meeting of the W. S. C. S. plans for a class for mission work and study were formulated. Mrs. W. W. Wohlfarth called a meeting at the parsonage April 16, 1941, and was elected chairman.

There were six charter members in this worthwhile ever increasing membership.

After the business of the day, a free-will offering is taken and a social hour is enjoyed followed by refreshments.

The Methodist Woman and World Outlook and newspaper clippings are read and discussed. There have been many worthwhile books reviewed including Dangerous Opportunities, Author of Liberty, On This Foundation, We Who Are America, and For All of Life.

In February, 1944, jurisdictional recognition was asked for and received. This recognition requires certain standards of leadership, study, and participation in the studies. This is a credit and honor well deserved and highly prized by the class.

The class has made it possible for one girl to attend summer camp and has made a 3 year pledge of \$20 to a hospital in Kolar, India.

The present Chairman is Mrs. J. C. Holycross.



— ONE HUNDRED YEARS —
CHOIR OF THE '90's



Fourth Row (left to right)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hack, Miss Alice Styles, organist;
 Mr. Holly Kinney.

Third Row—Dr. Fouser, Conductor; Mrs. Bertha Thomas, Mrs. Ryan.

Second Row—Mr. Hansen, Mrs. Fouser, Mrs. Hilma Kinney, Mr. Howard Hicks, Miss
 Mattie Styles.

First Row (left to right)—Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Hardy, Sr., Mr. Ed. Durham.

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SENIOR CHOIR - 1944



1st Row (left to right) bottom—I. E. Hardy, Jr., Mrs. E. Vermes, Mrs. P. Therien, Mrs.
 Edna Bateman, Irene Hardy, Mrs. H. Hungerford, E. Stearman.

2nd Row—Helen Richardson, Beverly Coy, Burdell Coy, Mrs. H. Ross, Mrs. I. E.
 Hardy, Jr., Mrs. F. Payne, Mrs. L. DuMontelle.

3rd Row—H. Hungerford, H. Coy, J. Payne, I. E. Hardy, Sr., J. Sharkey.

THE CHOIR

Before the organization of a regular choir, the musical work of the church was carried on by a group of members who met at the various homes and practiced the hymns to be sung the following Sunday. Although there seems to be no official record of the first regular choir, prior to 1900 is found the name of Welton Durham as choir leader, serving the church faithfully for a number of years. His wife, Bertha Durham, served as pianist during that time. Associated with his name are those of Ed. and Henry Durham, Alice and Mattie Styles, David and George Styles, Belle and Howard Hicks, Jay Kendrick, Alice Ryan, Bertha Longpre Thomas and Hilma Kinney.

Gertrude Vickery McTaggart and Alice Styles served as organists for some years before and after the turn of the century.

Andrew Hanson is credited with having sung bass in the Momence Methodist choir for over 40 years, a record of which anyone might be proud. C. W. Styles contributed to the success of the choir in the same capacity for a number of years.

Dr. Fouser and I. E. Hardy were choir directors at the beginning of the present century. Mr. Hardy has been choir leader most of the years since with the exception of a few years served by Mabel Sergeant Jackson, Marvin Schmidt, Paul Harrison and P. T. Liljedahl. Mr. Hardy is the present leader and the one on whom the church depends for leadership in worship through song.

From 1904 to 1941 Mr. R. B. Hardy was the faithful servant of the organ, with the exception of 4 years when Alice Styles and Mrs. Strickland were organists. It was during the period of years which Mr. Hardy served that the pipe organ was installed in 1925. Mr. Hardy rarely was absent from any service or choir practice and will long be remembered for his faithfulness to his church.

Alice Hardy Hungerford has "taken up the torch" and goes on with the ever needed work of her father, R. B. Hardy.

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YOUTH CHOIR - 1944

Mrs. W. W. Wohlfarth organized the Youth Choir in 1942 and for two years these young people have added inspiration to the Sunday evening services with their lovely voices.



1st Row (left to right) bottom—Wanda Wardell, Norma Sharkey, Lois Henerberg, Nellie Purcell, Olive Bateman.

2nd Row—Jane Dolder, Norma Block, Helen Borggren, Beverly Coy.

3rd Row—Harold Ralph Hungerford, Charles Ruch, Wayne Woore, Charles Mathieu.

METHODISTS IN ARMED SERVICE



KILLED

★ ALFRED JOHNSON

★ PAUL WARD

DISCHARGED

Marcell Hall

Raymond Martin

Mary Soucie



ACTIVE SERVICE

Donald Auld
 Clarence A. Baechler
 Gilbert Baechler
 Claude P. Baker
 Frederick N. Balthazor
 Floyd J. Bartholomew
 William Baschen
 Harold Bastian, Jr.
 L. A. Beasley
 George D. Bloomquist
 Carl W. Brooke
 Robert Brouillette
 R. C. Campbell
 Charles Wm. Denton
 Harlan Ray Denton
 Leslie Denton
 Viron Denton
 Robert N. Denton
 Warren Denton
 Richard Dolder
 Robert L. Douglass
 Thomas C. Ericksen
 William G. Frank
 Edwin Getting
 Frederick Goodknecht
 Harlan Goodell
 Robert M. Gray
 Freeman W. Hanson
 Leroy Hansen
 Leroy High

Z. R. Holley
 Floyd H. Hupp
 Henry Jaenke
 Elmer Jaenke
 Alfred Jensen
 Gaylord M. Jensen
 Donald Lee Jensen
 Stanley K. Jensen
 Donald Johnson
 William E. Johnston
 John Kessler
 Andrew Kinney
 Richard Klassen
 Elton F. Lamport
 Wayne E. Martin
 Donby J. Mathieu
 Clifford Mitchell
 Clyde W. Mitchell
 Kenneth Mitchell
 Harry Mitchell
 Bruce L. O'Cull
 Calvin T. Parks
 Vaughn H. Poppe
 Albert L. Powell
 Donald Ralston
 Henry Reese
 Willard Rice
 Granville Rowe, Jr.
 Rex R. Rowe
 Robert A. Seybert
 Laurence Steele
 Janet C. Stout
 W. F. Sullivan
 Paul Therien, Jr.
 Wm. Tisbury
 James R. Tremore
 Maurice W. Tremore
 Wilber Travis
 Delore Trudeau
 Lawrence Vining
 Charles S. Wallace
 John B. Ward
 Clarence Wheeler
 George A. Wheeler
 William L. Wilkens
 James W. West

OUR BUILDING PROGRAM

Our Church is cramped and handicapped in our present quarters for room in which to have Sunday School Classes, women's meetings and rooms for recreational purposes. We are no longer able to properly carry on the work of religious education as it has been in the past. This new addition, which we hope will be built within the next few years, will provide us with adequate room to carry on this highly important work.

The Sunday School which was composed of three departments several years ago, is now made up of five different departments. The Sunday School enrollment has increased and we hope it will continue to do so.

It is the prophecy and earnest belief of our Church Officials that Grace Methodist Church has been and will continue to be one of the outstanding Churches in this community. This being true, we must build largely. Let it also be borne in mind that while we are building under the name of the Grace Methodist Church, it is our hope and thought that this addition which we build will become for this whole community a real center, a place in which our boys and girls first will receive the right spiritual guidance and also recreational life and amusements.

We have started to put on our financial campaign to raise \$10,000.00 for this purpose. We believe we will be met with an altogether sufficient response, not only from our own members but also from our many friends in this community, who believe and agree with us in the future of our Sunday School and Church.

While this amount may seem large to many of you, at a recent meeting of our Church Board some did not think that the Building Committee had set their goal high enough. It is our desire to have the addition in harmony with the main Church auditorium. It is also our hope that we will have reached our goal of \$10,000.00 by the time of our Centennial celebration.

There have been many improvements made to our Church in the past but we believe this will be one of the greatest steps taken by our Church in a number of years.



OLD STONE CHURCH

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Minister: Rev. Fred W. Payne.....Telephone 124-W
Residence, 505 North Dixie Highway

Choir Directors.....Senior Choir, Mr. I. E. Hardy, Sr.
Youth Choir

Organist: Mrs. Harold Hungerford.....Telephone 917-3

Custodian: Mr. Alfred Farr.....Telephone 329-W
Residence, 503 Mulberry Street

Church School Superintendent.....Wesley Schilling

Secretary of Official Board.....Miss Irma Gordinier

Treasurer.....Raymon L. Canaday

Financial Secretary.....Frank Tilton

Finance Committee, Chairman.....Harry L. Heninger

Trustees, Chairman.....Charles Woore

Men's Brotherhood, President.....Harvey Coy

Women's Society of Christian Service, President.....Mrs. Harry Heninger

Circle Chairmen for W. S. C. S.

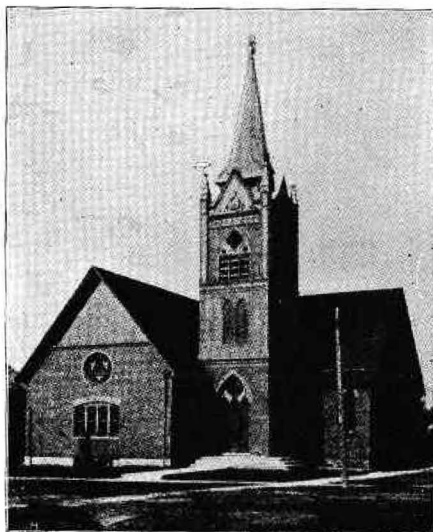
Mission Study Group.....Mrs. J. C. Holycross

Martha Circle.....Mrs. Earl Clark

Esther Circle.....Miss Freda Wilson

Ruth Circle.....Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson

Auxiliary.....Mrs. Frank Gardner



GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

Our Centennial Prayer

O Thou Eternal God and Father of all mankind. Thou who art from everlasting, to everlasting, we turn our thoughts to Thee. We Thank Thee Thou hast been the Guiding Light for all generations. As men in all ages have faced life with its intermingling of joy and sorrow and almost impossible problems, they have found Thee to be all-sufficient for their every need. And in this way they have struggled onward and upward. We thank Thee for all those consecrated lives whose efforts have made this church a vital influence across these hundred years. We thank Thee for our church of today. Help us to be worthy of our heritage. May we live and love and labor in a way and manner that would please Thee. Help us to dream dreams and see visions of ourselves as going on toward perfection; of our church as an instrument in Thy hands, fulfilling Thy purpose; and of a world where peace and goodwill among men reign supreme. And Thou, who art the God of the ages, give us Thy grace and courage to spend and be spent to make our dreams come true. In Jesus' name. Amen.

